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Dear Examiner Kim:

Thank you very much for your time in today's discussion:

- Following is Fig. 9 which shows a partial expansion of the row addresses stored in each subarray in the example given on page 9 of the specification.
- 2. Proposed amendments to the specification are provided. No new matter has been added.
- 3. Of the allowed claims, claims 1 and 25-31 were amended or added in the Response mailed August 16, 2004.
- 4. <u>Claims 1, 11, 28, and 30</u> are amended as proposed below. As to claims 28 and 30, I believe the claims as allowed are enabled per the addressing example disclosed on page 9 and as illustrated in appended Fig. 9. Nonetheless, we propose the additional recited language as shown below for further clarification.
- 5. Claims 27, 29, and 31: I propose to cancel these claims.
- 6. For the discussions of claims 25-31 which follow, the specification on page 9, lines 11-12 discloses a variation of the disclosed embodiments in which the address decoder is configured to put logically adjacent rows in different sub-arrays.
- 7. As to dependent <u>claim 25</u>, "every other logically adjacent row resides on a separate sub-array" is an example of putting logically adjacent rows in different sub-arrays. For example, in the letter sequence **A B C D E F**, the letters **A C E** are an example of "every other" letter. Suppose that these letters represent rows, then rows **A C E** would be logically adjacent rows

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- to rows B D E, respectively. According to claim 25, rows A C E would reside on a separate sub-array and rows B D E would reside on another separate sub-array. This configuration is covered by the description in the specification where the decoder puts logically adjacent rows in different sub-arrays.
- 8. As to dependent <u>claim 26</u>, "even numbered rows and odd numbered rows reside in separate sub-arrays" is an example of putting logically adjacent rows in different sub-arrays. For example, consider the number sequence 1 2 3 4 5 6. Even numbers 2 4 6 are logically adjacent to odd numbers 1 3 5. Suppose that these numbers represent rows, then according to claim 26, even rows 2 4 6 would reside on a separate sub-array and odd rows 1 3 5 would reside on another separate sub-array. This configuration is covered by the description in the specification where the decoder puts logically adjacent rows in different sub-arrays.

I look forward to your further comments.

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